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SUBJ: U.S.-PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

GENEVA PASS TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT PROPOSED FOR
AMBASSADOR BUNKER TO MAKE TO THE PRESS ON ARRIVAL IN
PANAMA CITY DECEMBER 27 FOR SECOND ROUND OF TALKS.
ALTHOUGH NOT YET APPROVED BY THE AMBASSADOR, IT IS BEING
FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY NOW FOR TRANSLATION INTO
SPANISH AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PREPARATIONS BECAUSE
THE TIME IS SO SHORT AS A RESULT OF HOLIDAYS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO RETURN
FOR A CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL TALKS WITH PANAMA'S
CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR AN INTER-OCEANIC CANAL TREATY
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, HIS EXCELLENCY JUAN ANTONIO
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THE TALKS, WHICH WE INITIATED ON CONTADORA ISLAND
DURING MY FIRST VISIT LAST MONTH, WERE CONDUCTED
IN A CORDIAL, FRANK, INFORMAL AND PRODUCTIVE FASHION.
THUS THEY WILL BE PROCEEDING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE
NEW DIALOGUE WHICH MY COUNTRY IS SEEKING WITH ITS
FRIENDS IN THE AMERICAS AND TO WHICH PANAMA HAS

RESPONDED IN FULL MEASURE.

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH FOR ALL PANAMANIAN
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR. END QUOTE.

3. ANY CHANGES DESIRED BY THE AMBASSADOR IN THE
FOREGOING TEXT WILL BE COMMUNICATED AT ONCE TO THE
EMBASSY. RUSH

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